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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAIR, PK, CE

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORP. BOEING 720

REF: A. KARACHI 2507; B. KARACHI 2599 (NOTAL)

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL A, EMBOFF TELEPHONED THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AIR CEYLON (WHICH HAD SUBLEASED ATLAS' B-720 FROM CALEDONIAN AIRLINES) TO MAKE SURE THAT AIR CEYLON WOULD NOT RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS TO ISSUANCE OF THE STATEMENT REQUESTED IN PARA 4, REFTEL A. MANAGING DIRECTOR LANEROLLE SAID AIR CEYLON HAD NO CLAIMS ON ATLAS OR THE B-720 AND WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF THE AIRCRAFT TO ATLAS.

2. EMBOFF THEN SPOKE WITH DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION BAN-DARAGODA, EXPLAINED THE CXRRENT SITUATION, AND REQUESTED THAT HE SEND A LETTER TO AIR VICE MARSHALL HALL STATING THAT THE GSL HAD NO LEGAL CLAIM ON THE AIRCRAFT AND HAD NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE TO ATLAS. BANDARAGODA ASKED THAT THIS REQUEST BE PUT IN WRITING, AND A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC/
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COMMERICAL SECTION WAS HAND DELIVERED TO BANDARAGODA IN THE LATER AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, MAY 27.

3. ON JUNE 3, EMBOFF CALLED BANDARAGODA WHO SAID THAT WHILE AIR CEYLON HAD CONFIRMED IT HAD NO OBJECTION TO HIS ISSUING THE REQUESTED STATEMENT, HE COULD NOT SEND THE LETTER TO AIR VICE MARSHALL HALL UNTIL HE HAD RECEIVED CLEARANCE FROM THE

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MINISTER OF AVIATION. BANDARAGODA SAID HE HOPED TO OBTAIN
THE CLEARANCE AND SEND THE LETTER EARLY IN THE WEEK OF JUNE 6.

4. THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES ATLAS' DESIRE TO FLY THE B-720
OUT OF KARACHI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS
BANDARAGODA FOR THE LETTER.
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